OU exhibits works of American West

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It is the last chance for art fans to see Maynard Dixon's West: Space, Silence, Spirit at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art.

The exhibition covers the career of Maynard Dixon (1845-1946), a painter of the American West.

The exhibition will be on display through Sept. 8.

The display will include over 30 paintings and drawings spanning all periods of the artist's 50-year career, according to information provided by the museum.

Complementing Dixon's exhibition will be photographs from his wife Dorothea Lange.

The pieces exhibited are black and white photography of Lange's work depicting the human condition in the early 20th century.

In addition to Dixon and Lange's work in the exhibition, a watercolor, pen and ink postcard by Charles M. Russell will be presented.

The original postcard was sent to Dixon in 1917.

Dixon used composition as a primary means of conveying his artistic message, with a modernist emphasis, abstract elements of painting.

During the Great Depression, Dixon and Lange centered their art on the social and political issues surrounding them.

Lange constructed works like her "Migrant Mother," a 1936 photograph that shows a poor Oklahoma woman surrounded by her children. This photograph that Lange created became an iconic image of the 20th century.

The hours for the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art are Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, the Museum hours will be 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, the hours will be noon to 4:30 p.m. The museum is closed on Mondays.

There is no admission price to the museum or any special events.

Parking is available on the North oval and visitor parking lot on the north side of Boyd St. with a museum parking permit.

You may obtain a parking pass at the security desk inside the museum.

For more information, call the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art at 325-3272 or visit www.ou.edu/fjma.

Maynard Dixon's "Sasabe, AZ" is one of over 30 works that chronicle the artist's career as a painter of the American West. OU's Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art will host the exhibit through Sept. 8.